

MINUTES

MONTANA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES 64th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION

Call to Order: Chair Sarah Laszloffy, on February 16, 2015 at 3:00 PM, in Room 137 Capitol

ROLL CALL

Members Present:

Rep. Sarah Laszloffy, Chair (R)
Rep. Debra Lamm, Vice Chair (R)
Rep. Edith (Edie) McClafferty, Vice Chair (D)
Rep. Moffie Funk (D)
Rep. Edward Greef (R)
Rep. Kathy Kelker (D)
Rep. Matthew Monforton (R)
Rep. Jean Price (D)
Rep. Daniel R. Salomon (R)
Rep. Susan Webber (D)

Members Excused: Rep. Bryce Bennett (D)
Rep. Jeff Essmann (R)
Rep. Greg Hertz (R)
Rep. G. Bruce Meyers (R)
Rep. Nicholas Schwaderer (R)

Members Absent: None

Staff Present: Laura Sankey, Legislative Branch
Nadia Zylawy, Committee Secretary

Audio Committees: These minutes are in outline form only. They provide a list of participants and a record of official action taken by the committee. The link to the audio recording of the meeting is available on the Legislative Branch website.

Committee Business Summary:

Hearing & Date Posted: HB 451, 2/11/2015; HB 475, 2/11/2015; SB 128, 2/11/2015

00:00:01 Chair Laszloffy

HEARING ON HB 475

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:01:58 Rep. Randy Brodehl (R), HD 9, opened the hearing on HB 475, Revise statutory reimbursement schedule for school transportation funding.

00:03:50 *Rep. B. Bennett entered*

Proponents' Testimony: None

Opponents' Testimony:

00:11:49 Madalyn Quinlan, Chief of Staff, Office of Public Instruction (OPI)

00:13:51 Bob Vogel, Montana School Boards Association (MTSB)

EXHIBIT(edh35a01)

00:16:08 *Rep. Schwaderer entered*

00:18:22 Harold Blattie, Executive Director, Montana Association of Counties (MACo),
County Superintendents of Schools

00:22:52 Kent Kultgen, Superintendent, Helena School District (HSD1)

00:24:52 Denise Williams, Montana Association of School Business Officials (MASBO)

00:27:01 Bob Gilbert, Montana School Bus Contractor Association (MSBCA)

00:30:21 Kirk Miller, School Administrators of Montana (SAM), County Superintendents

00:32:45 Eric Feaver, Montana Educators Association-Montana Federation of Teachers

00:33:07 Dianne Burke, Executive Director, Montana Quality Education Colation (MQEC)

00:33:20 Dave Puyear, Montana Rural Education Association (MREA)

Informational Testimony:

00:33:55 Ross Johnson, Legislative Audit Division (LAD)

EXHIBIT(edh35a02)

EXHIBIT(edh35a03)

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

00:35:18 Rep. Kelker

00:35:25 Ross Johnsn, LAD

00:36:51 Rep. Kelker

00:37:19 Ross Johnson, LAD

00:37:38 Rep. McClafferty

00:38:08 Ross Johnson, LAD

00:38:33 Rep. McClafferty

00:38:51 Ross Johnson, LAD

00:39:34 Rep. Salmon

00:41:12 Rep. Brodehl

00:42:13 Rep. Kelker

00:43:00 Rep. Brodehl

Closing by Sponsor:

00:43:40 Rep. Brodehl

00:45:59 Chair Laszloffy

HEARING ON HB 451

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:46:34 Rep. Christopher Pope (D), HD 65, opened the hearing on HB 451, Revise funding for students with disabilities.

[EXHIBIT\(edh35a04\)](#)

Proponents' Testimony:

00:54:13 Amy Van Denburgh, Self,

00:55:59 Alyson Ball, Self

[EXHIBIT\(edh35a05\)](#)

00:59:42 Walker Asserson, President, Down Syndrome Research and Advocacy in Montana (DREAM)

[EXHIBIT\(edh35a06\)](#)

[EXHIBIT\(edh35a07\)](#)

01:02:55 Mikaela Caraciolo, Project SEARCH Intern

[EXHIBIT\(edh35a08\)](#)

01:04:30 Joe Miller, Self, Down Syndrome Research and Advocacy in Montana (DREAM)

[EXHIBIT\(edh35a09\)](#)

01:07:07 Karen Graf, Self

01:09:47 Annette Bergendahl, Self

01:10:52 Julie Kleine, Self

[EXHIBIT\(edh35a10\)](#)

01:13:13 Shelly Dowdle, Self

[EXHIBIT\(edh35a11\)](#)

01:16:47 Kat Patterson, Self, Co-chair, Montana Advocacy Coalition (MAC)

[EXHIBIT\(edh35a12\)](#)

01:19:01 Sheila Wolff, Self

01:20:34 Betsy Asserson, Self

[EXHIBIT\(edh35a13\)](#)

01:22:56 Heather Hildreth, Self

01:26:10 June Hermanson, Program Director, Montana Youth Leadership Forum (MYLF),
Montana Youth Transitions Project (MYT)

01:27:53 Joel Peden, Montana Centers for Disability Living (MTCDL)

[EXHIBIT\(edh35a14\)](#)

01:30:33 Rebecca Adams, Registered Health Professional, Down Syndrome Research and Advocacy of Montana (DREAM), Project SEARCH

01:32:12 Aaron Mugaas, Self, Down Syndrome Research and Advocacy of Montana (DREAM)

[EXHIBIT\(edh35a15\)](#)

01:33:16 John Risto, Self

01:36:02 Dennis Parman, Deputy Superintendent, Office of Public Instruction (OPI)

01:37:16 Deila Harvey, Belgrade School System, Self

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony:

01:38:41 Jim Marks, Administrator, Disability Employment Transitions, Department of Public Health and Human Services (DPHHS)

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

01:39:52 Rep. Funk

01:40:40 Walker Asserson, DREAM, Project SEARCH

01:41:39 Rep. Lamm

01:42:06 Walker Asserson, DREAM, Project SEARCH

01:43:42 Rep. Price

01:44:09 Jim Marks, DPHHS

01:46:12 Rep. Salomon

01:47:15 Frank Podobnik, Director of Special Education, Office of Public Instruction (OPI)

01:47:30 Rep. Salomon

01:47:52 Frank Podobnik, OPI

01:48:07 Rep. Salomon

01:48:25 Frank Podobnik, OPI

01:48:57 Rep. Salomon

01:49:09 Frank Podobnik, OPI

Closing by Sponsor:

01:49:20 Rep. Pope

01:54:49 Chair Laszloffy

01:55:06 Recessed

02:02:29 Reconvened

HEARING ON SB 128

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

02:02:44 Sen. Kris Hansen (R), SD 14, opened the hearing on SB 128, Establish
decennial school funding study.

Proponents' Testimony:

02:06:51 Dennis Parman, Deputy Superintendent, Office of Public Instruction (OPI)
02:07:25 Bob Vogel, Montana School Boards Association, (MTSBA)
02:07:57 Kirk Miller, School Administrators of Montana (SAM)
02:08:41 Jim Smith, Montana Rural Education Association (MREA)
02:08:58 Dianne Burke, Montana Quality Education Coalition (MQEC)
02:09:14 Denise Williams, Montana Association School Business Officials (MASBO)
02:09:43 Bob Story, Montana Tax Payers Association (MonTax)
02:11:03 Eric Feaver, Montana Education Association-Montana Federation Teachers
(MEA-MFT)

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

02:11:59 Rep. B. Bennett
02:12:24 Sen. Hansen

Closing by Sponsor:

02:12:59 Sen. Hansen
02:15:03 Chair Laszloffy

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 02:15:13

Nadia Zylawy, Secretary

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Additional Documents:

EXHIBIT([edh35aad.pdf](#))